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SUMMARY. IN MAY 1 ARTICLE IN HSWP ORGAN NEPSZABADSAG FIRST DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER FRIGYES PUJA IS CAST IN HIS FAMILIAR ROLE AS HUNGARIAN SPOKESMAN FOR SOVIET FOREIGN POLICY OBJECTIVES. MUCH OF WHAT HE HAS TO SAY ON EUROPEAN SECURITY TALKS APPEARS TO BE IN LINE WITH KEY POINTS UNDERSCORED BY SOVIET MINISTER- COUNSELOR VORONTSEV IN RECENT TALK IN WASHINGTON WITH ASST. SECRETARY STOESSEL. PUJA CONTINUES TO BE SHARPLY CRITICAL OF WESTERN STANCE ON HUMAN CONTACTS
ISSUE AS HE WAS LAST FALL IN HIS ARTICLE IN SEPTEMBER ISSUE OF
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TARSADALMI SZELME. END SUMMARY.

1. DEALING WITH PREPARATIONS FOR EUROPEAN SECURITY CONFERENCE PUJA SAYS NATO DELAYING TACTICS RENDER IT IMPOSSIBLE TO AGREE ON AGENDA. ALTHOUGH SOCIALIST STATES HAVE ACCEPTED GOOD NUMBER OF WESTERN PROPOSALS NATO COUNTRIES CONTINUE TO INSIST ON SOME OF THEIR ORIGINAL
IDEAS AND PROPOSALS, IMPOSSIBLE FOR WP COUNTRIES TO ACCEPT. PUJA CLAIMS
SOCIALIST COUNTRIES STRIVING TO WIDEN EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND TO BROADEN PERSONAL CONTACTS. IN NEXT BREATH, HOWEVER, HE ADDS THAT THEY

ARE UNWILLING TO OPEN GATES TO CHEAP WESTERN " CULTURAL" GARBAGE, FALSE " INFORMATION", AND REACTIONARY IDEAS CONTRADICTING PRINCIPLES OF PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE.

2. SEVERAL WESTERN STATES, PUJA CONTINUES, HAVE AN AVERSION TO ESTABLISHMENT OF KIND OF PERMANENT OPERATIONAL SECURITY ORGAN. THEY
ARE AFRAID THAT, BECAUSE SUCH A BODY WOULD INSTITUTIONALIZE DEALING WITH EUROPEAN SECURITY MATTERS, IT WOULD BECOME SERIOUS OBSTACLE TO
" IMPERIALIST" ATTEMPTS TO UNDERMINE EXISTING RELATIONS BETWEEN CAPITALIST AND SOCIALIST COUNTRIES. NO CONFERENCE ON EUROPEAN SECURITY

CAN BE CALLED THIS SUMMER UNLESS POSITIONS OF LEADING WESTERN COUNTRIES

CHANGE FOR BETTER, PUJA DECLARES, ADDING THAT CONCLUSION CAN BE DRAWN FROM ATTITUDES OF SOME WESTERN COUNTRIES THAT THEIR GOVERNMENTS HAVE NOT DECIDED YET WHETHER TO BE PRESENT AT CONFERENCE
ON EUROPEAN SECURITY. ALTHOUGH SOME WESTERN COUNTRIES ARE COMMITTED
TO ATTENDING, THEY SEEK MORE AND MORE CONCESSIONS FROM SOCIALIST COUNTRIES AND THUS BY VARIOUS MEANS KEEP DELAYING PREPARATORY TALKS.
REFLECTING CONCERN AT SLOWNESS OF HELSINKI PROCEEDINGS PUJA NOTED NEED
FOR
SPEEDING UP PACE OF PREPARATORY WORK FOR EUROPEAN SECURITY CONFERENCE SO THAT IT CAN BE HELD THIS SUMMER.

3. PUJA CONCLUDES BY STATING THAT PREPARATORY WORK FOR NEGOT-IATIONS ON TROOP REDUCTIONS IS SLOW BECAUSE SOME NATO COUNTRIES SEEK
CERTAIN ADVANTAGES FOR THEMSELVES. HUNGARY' S STARTING POINT IN TROOP
REDUCTION QUESTION IS PRINCIPLE OF EQUAL SECURITY. HE ADDS THAT PRIN-

CIPLE OF INVIOLABILITY OF BORDERS ALSO HAS PRIMARY IMPORTANCE. SOME

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NATO COUNTRIES, HE COMPLAINS, " IN MANNER BEYOND OUR COMPREHENSION" ARE

RECOMMENDING WORDING OF SUCH A NATURE AS TO BLUR VITAL IMPORTANCE OF
THIS PRINCIPLE. IF THIS PRINCIPLE IS NOT GIVEN CLEAR AND UNEQUIVOCAL EXPRESSION AMONG PRINCIPLES OF COOPERATION AS WELL AS INTERNATIONAL ACCEPTANCE, PUJA DECLARES, SOME NOW SILENCED REVANCHISTS MAY BE PROVIDED WITH NEW STIMULATION.

4. MUCH OF WHAT PUJA SAYS IN HIS MAY 1 NEPSZABADSAG PIECE APPEARS TO ECHO POINTS MADE BY SOVIET MINISTER- COUNSELOR VORONTSOV IN HIS RECENT CONVERSATION WITH ASST. SECRETARY STOESSEL -- E. G., NECESSITY
TO QUICKEN PACE OF MPT DISCUSSIONS IN ORDER TO CONVENE CSCE THIS SUMMER,

SOCIALIST COUNTRIES' ACCEPTANCE OF MANY WESTERN PROPOSALS, EMPHASIS
ON INVIOLABILITY OF BORDERS. PUJA, OF COURSE, IS MUCH LESS OBLIQUE IN HIS PUBLIC THAN VORONTSOV IN HIS PRIVATE STATEMENT ON HUMAN CONTACTS ISSUE TO WHICH BOTH REVEAL SENSITIVITY.

5. PUJA' S REMARKS ON EAST- WEST RELATIONS WHILE IN VIENNA (REFTEL A) CAME OUT OF A BACKGROUND OF WHAT HE HAD JUST SAID OR WAS ABOUT TO
SAY IN PRING IN NEPSZABADSAG RE ALLEGED OBSTRUCTIONIST EFFORTS OF SOME

COMMON MARKET COUNTRIES IN HELSINKI AND VIENNA TALKS.
PUJA IS A HARD- LINER WHO ON GCCASION SEEMS QUITE OUTSPOKEN IN HIS COMMENTS ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS. ACTUALLY, HE SELDOM, IF EVER, SPEAKS OUT WITHOUT TAKING HIS CUE FROM SOVIETS AS HE SEEMS TO HAVE DONE IN THIS CASE.
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